



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JUNE 6, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Vito Cannella
Rita Hall
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Frank Bacio

Invited Guest

Sgt. Leo Bauer, Sheriff's Dept.

Others Present

Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 30, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Cannella, and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 30th, 2007 were approved, with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montañó congratulated Chair Adrian Dove on his re-appointment to the Human Relations Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was none.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, informed the Commission the Graduation Ceremonies for Department of Children and Family Services will be held that evening at 6:00 p.m.

INVITED GUEST SERGEANT LEO BAUER, TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SPOKE ON THE GIRLS & BOYS TOWN FUNDRAISER

Los Angeles County Sheriffs Deputies Fayon Tillman and Cristana Reyes organized the fundraiser which was a gift drive campaign targeted towards an all-girls facility. The recipients of the gifts were girls ages 11 through 17, and wards of the court or homeless and/or abused girls.

Within ten days in December 2005, \$2000 was raised by the Deputy Service Section towards purchasing clothes, sports equipment and personal-care items for the girls. All of the gifts were delivered by Deputies Tillman and Reyes to the girls on Christmas Eve.

Last Christmas the same gift drive was conducted and matched by Sergeant Bauer's daughter Victoria Bauer on behalf of her school Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School. Two vans filled with clothes, sports equipment, and personal-care items were delivered to the Price Family Shelter.

The Book Rack, Sergeant Bauer and his colleagues began a book-exchange program that regularly donated books to the Price Family Shelter.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNANCE TRANSITION REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis passed out the Los Angeles County Governance Transition Report. Commissioner Hammargren would like the Commission to have more guidance from the Board of Supervisors.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM MAY 17 TO JUNE 5, 2007

Children Are Our Future (Searcy House) – 9, #5 - Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on May 17, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Backyard maintenance is limited to lawn-trimming because it is connected to a horse raising yard.

Children Are Our Future (Chatsworth House) – 8, #1- Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on May 24, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future (Constance House) – 10, #2 – Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on May 29, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

Children Are Our Future (Howard House) - 10, #3- Chair Stathatos

This facility was visited on May 31, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Tree trimmings need to be removed.

All Children Are Our Future Group Homes above were visited secondary to the Auditor Report.

Michelle Travis, Inc. – 40, #4 - Chair Montaña

This facility was visited on May 31, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Shamrock Cottage – 57, #1 – Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on June 1, 2007 and no one was found home.

O'Conner & Atkins Home – 43, #1 – Chair Montaña

This facility was visited on June 4, 2007, and found to be in poor condition.

Areas of Concern: Counter needs to be replaced, floor and carpet need fixing, many improvements needed. Car in back of facility needs to be moved. Crawl hole needs fixing.

Journey House – 33, #4 – Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on June 5, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Occasional complaints from the neighbors regarding noise.

La Brea Independent – Commissioners Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 5, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

La Vida North – Commissioners Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on June 5, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

Sand Hill Group Home – 56, #4 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

This facility was visited on June 5, 2007, and was found to be in fair condition.

Areas of Concern: Safety hazard of dump trucks illegally parked by group home. One child is AWOL.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter of commendation should be drafted to Commander Dan Finkelstein and Sergeant Leo Bauer for their outstanding job in the gift drive for the group home girls.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

The Commission is considering a contribution of \$100 to the Toys for Tots Program organized by the Transit Services Bureau for Christmas 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
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